

**Amendments to Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, the method comprising:

receiving, by a computer based system for managing asset consumption, billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, wherein the billing information includes a unique hardware processing job identifier corresponding to each hardware processing job executed by the provider for the entity;

reading, by the computer based system, a business model file comprising a business dimension within the entity, the business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of groups within the entity and a value driver of the entity, and

application profile information including information identifying-computer-related hardware processing tasks, wherein a hardware processing job performed by the provider may comprise at least part of a hardware processing task of one or more groups within the entity, ~~[[and]]~~

allocating, by the computer based system, the billing information by associating each of the unique hardware processing job identifiers to a group in the plurality of groups based on the hardware processing task information;

assessing a technology operational cost in the groups; and  
making a value based decision based on the assessment.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the business dimension further comprises ~~at least one of~~ a business process and an associated business performance metric.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the allocating step further comprises determining a total cost associated with computer-related hardware processing resources from the provider incurred by each group.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein the reading step further comprises:

determining an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity;

~~determining a value driver of the entity;~~ and

determining an application profile of the entity.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Previously Presented) A computer based system, comprising:

a computer network communicating with a memory;

the memory communicating with a processor; and

the processor, when executing a computer program for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, is configured to:

receive billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, wherein the billing information includes a unique hardware processing job identifier corresponding to each hardware processing job executed by the provider for the entity;

read a business model file comprising a business dimension within the entity, the business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of groups within the entity, and

application profile information including information identifying computer-related hardware processing tasks, wherein a hardware processing job performed by the provider may comprise at least part of a hardware processing task of one or more groups within the entity; and

allocate the billing information by associating each of the unique hardware processing job identifiers to a group in the plurality of groups based on the hardware processing task information.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer based system of claim 6, wherein the business dimension further comprises ~~at least one of~~ a business process and an associated business performance metric.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer based system of claim 7, wherein the allocating further comprises determining a total cost associated with computer-related hardware processing resources from the provider incurred by each group.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer based system of claim [[6]] 8, wherein the processor, when executing the computer program, is further configured to:

determine an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;

determine a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity;

determine a value driver of the entity; and

determine an application profile of the entity.

10 (Currently Amended) The computer based system of claim [[6]] 9, wherein the processor, when executing the computer program, is further configured to:

assess a technology operational cost in the groups; and

make a value based decision based on the assessment.

11. (Previously Presented) A non-transitory, tangible computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, the plurality of instructions, when executed by a computer based system for managing asset consumption, are configured to cause the computer based system to perform operations, comprising:

receiving, by the computer based system, billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, wherein the billing information includes a unique hardware processing job identifier corresponding to each hardware processing job executed by the provider for the entity;

reading, by the computer based system, a business model file comprising a business dimension within the entity, the business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of groups within the entity, and

application profile information including information identifying computer-related hardware processing tasks, wherein a hardware processing job performed by the provider may comprise at least part of a hardware processing task of one or more groups within the entity; and

allocating, by the computer based system, the billing information by associating each of the unique hardware processing job identifiers to a group in the plurality of groups based on the hardware processing task information.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the business dimension further comprises ~~at least one of~~ a business process and an associated business performance metric.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the allocating further comprises determining a total cost associated with computer-related hardware processing resources from the provider incurred by each group.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 13, wherein the reading further comprises:

determining an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a value driver of the entity; and

determining an application profile of the entity.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 14, further comprising:

assessing a technology operational cost in the groups; and

making a value based decision based on the assessment.

16. (New) The method of claim 4, further comprising displaying the costs incurred by each group graphically; wherein a comparison of costs for each group is possible.

17. (New) The method of claim 5, further comprising displaying the costs incurred by each group graphically during different time periods.